

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-13 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 7-23 of U.S. Patent No. 7,311,398 in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,756,605 (Okada) and U.S. Patent No. 5,182,858 (Stoner). Claim 14 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 7-10 of U.S. Patent No. 7,311,398. Further, claims 1-13 rejected claims 1-13 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 7,245,439 in view of Okada or Stoner. Claim 14 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 12 of U.S. Patent


No. 7,245,439.

Without agreeing with the Examiner, and in the interest of advancing prosecution and expediting allowance of the present application, TWO Terminal Disclaimers in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) or (d) are enclosed herewith. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this ground for rejection be withdrawn and that claims 1-14 be allowed.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: TWO Terminal Disclaimers

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